GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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JAUNDICE PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a constant increase in the number of jaundice patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the All India Institute of MedicalSciences have conducted any study about jaundice ailment with the assistance of Indian Council of Medical Research;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide sufficient medical facilities to jaundice patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): jaundice is most commonly caused by Viral Hepatitis arising out of infection with hepatitis A, B, C, D, E andG viruses. The data on Viral Hepatitis is as under:-

Year	Cases	Deaths
1998	1,13,257	1055
1999	1,30,153	1313
2000	1,52,713	1035
2001	1,21,618	880

(c)&(d): Three studies have been conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences with the assistance ofIndian Councilof Medical Research. The studies provided valuable data on the antigens and viral markers in viral Hepatitis and also gave information on seroepidemiology of Hepatitis A virus in school children.

(e): The following steps have been taken by the Government:

O National Institute of Communicable Diseases(NICD),Delhi provides technical support for investigations on Jaundice/Viral Hepatitis.

O National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases has been initiated in 101 districts, which also covers Viral Hepatitis.

O Mandatory screening of blood is done at blood banks for Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

O Health education activities to promote safe sex behaviour under the National AIDS Control Programme.

O Instructions issued to the health authorities for use of a separate sterile syringe and needle for each injection.

O Central Government hospitals personnel at high risk to be immunized. State Governments have been advised to take similar steps.